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Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

As a law abiding and contributing member to our state, I find almost everything about this bill offensive.

In Governor Lamont's speech he addressed all gun owners as if we were all criminals in the making. This is simply not the case and frankly I feel that it's out of touch with reality. Rather than being looked at as an asset to the community, we are viewed as a future liability. Those who have gone through the legal pathways to owning firearms in this state in fact are the exact opposite. Many of us seek out professional training and spend a lot of time and money to be responsible citizens. Gun owners in this country are one of if not the most law abiding demographics. The truth is that a huge portion of gun offenses in Connecticut today are not prosecuted and almost all are committed by career criminals.

Also, this aim at stop and frisk laws does not only violate the constitution, but will create a slew of negative interactions between citizens who have not committed a crime and those with who we pay to help protect us. This will not make the relationship between law enforcement and the public better and will have zero effect on gun violence in our cities. I would argue that it will make things worse and put our policemen and women in a precarious position.

If banning things worked to discourage people, how would one explain why there is so much crime? It's illegal and yet it is still committed and increasing. These bills will do nothing to curb crime (just as they have not in other places around the country) but what it will do, is effect law abiding citizens who have done nothing wrong.

I ask you to reject Senate Bill 16.

I addition, I also OPPOSE H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Sincerely,

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